



A Self-Paced Study Guide for  
the Presbytery of East Iowa

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## WEEK SIXTEEN - Theme for the Week

### The Price We Pay

#### Readings from *Caste*

Ch. 28 – Democracy on the Ballot

Ch. 29 – The Price We Pay for a Caste System

Ch. 30 – Shedding the Sacred Thread

*The Radicalization of the Dominant Caste*

Ch. 31 – The Heart Is the Last Frontier

#### Scripture

##### Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

##### Galatians 2: 8-13

For He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles. <sup>9</sup> When James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, understood the grace that was given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup> Only they requested that we should remember the poor, which I also was eager to do. <sup>11</sup> But when Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him face to face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> Before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup> And the other Jews, likewise, joined together in hypocrisy with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

#### Question for Reflection

In your journal or in your discussion group, discuss the following questions:

1. How did the things mentioned in this book regarding the history of enslavement and race in America compare with what you were taught growing up?
2. Do you think a "world without caste" is possible?

#### Action Steps

The Implicit Association Test (IAT) offers a way of personally assessing where you are in terms of bias and what goes on in your own mind. It's free and online. Carve out some time this week to take the test and then to continue the journaling project this week about your personal and community reflections.. The test can be accessed at this link: <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>

How has your understanding grown since Week Three?

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